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CITY BEGINS CLEANUP OF WAIANAE COAST BEACH PARKS AT POKAI BAY

Mayor Mufi Hannemann led almost 400 volunteers in kicking off the City's cleanup of its beach parks on the Waianae Coast. Much of the work focused on Pokai Bay Beach Park, where the volunteers put up new signs (Mayor Hannemann, right photo) and painted the comfort station, benches and play equipment. More than 11 tons of trash were collected and hauled away. The cleanup campaign has moved to Waianae District Park, Tracks Beach and, this month, Maili Beach Park. Major renovation will be done at other parks as well.



NEW FIREFIGHTING TOOLS: Fire Chief Kenneth Silva, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, members of the Honolulu Fire Commission and City Councilmen Gary Okino and Rod Tam, help dedicate five new state-of-the-art firefighting vehicles. The three pumper trucks and two rescue vehicles cost \$2.3 million and will replace older vehicles in the fleet.

WALK MARKS 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

The public is invited to join the City in observing the fifth anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks on America with "Honolulu Remembers . . . Never Forget," a walk on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 10.

The walk, which also honors the City's first-response agencies, begins at the Honolulu Police Department Alapai Station at 6:30 p.m., goes to the Honolulu Fire Department headquarters at South and Queen, then to the Federal Building and finally to Honolulu Hale. Ceremonies will be held at each stop.

The walk is part of a nationwide series of similar events.



MAYOR HANNEMANN AND MILITARY 'MAYORS': The Mayor's Armed Services Committee held its quarterly meeting at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe. From left, Col. John J. Torres, commander of the 15th Airlift Wing; Gordon Bruce, director of the City Department of Information Technology; Brig. Gen. Steven A. Hummer, MCBH commander; Col. Howard J. Killian, Schofield Barracks garrison commander; Mayor Mufi Hannemann; Capt. Matthew Cutts, Coast Guard Base Honolulu; Capt. Taylor Skardon, chief of staff, Navy Region Hawaii; Sanford Yuen, executive assistant to Navy Region Hawaii commander; Hal Barnes, special assistant to Mayor Hannemann; and Jeff Coelho, executive advisor to the mayor and director of the City Customer Services Department. Topics of discussion ranged from housing to solid waste disposal and communications. The mayor created the committee to maintain regular contact with the commanders of the major military installations on Oahu. The committee meets again in December.



HANNEMANN CALLS ON PACAF COMMANDER

In photo at left, Mayor Mufi Hannemann visits with Gen. Paul Hester, commander of the Pacific Air Forces, at Hickam Air Force Base.

The PACAF headquarters building behind them in the photo still bears bullet holes from Japan's December 7, 1941 attack.

Gen. Hester invited Hannemann to be the guest speaker at PACAF's Commanders' Warfighters' Conference Leadership Luncheon at Hickam in October.

NAVY OFFICIALS VISIT CITY HALL

From left, BJ Penn, assistant secretary of the Navy for installations and environment; Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann; and Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter and other Navy officials including Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Gary Roughead met recently at Honolulu Hale.

During their visit to Navy commands in Hawaii, Secretary Winter indicated a decision on whether to homeport an aircraft carrier at Pearl Harbor could be made next spring.





CITY ACQUIRES NEW BUSES, HANDIVANS; GIVES SIX BUSES TO HAWAII COUNTY

Above: Mayor Mufi Hannemann announces Honolulu's purchase of 40 new hybrid buses and 32 new HandiVans in a ceremony at the Alapai Transit Center. The buses cost almost \$500,000 apiece and are powered by electric and diesel motors, to save fuel. The HandiVans cost about \$100,000 apiece. The federal government paid 80 percent of the costs.

Left photo: Tom Brown, head of Hawaii County's transit agency, talks with Big Island Mayor Harry Kim and Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who turned over the keys for the first of six used buses that Honolulu is giving to the Big Island.



TRANSIT PROJECT UPDATES SCHEDULED

Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project team will hold more community update meetings in September.

Meanwhile, work continues on the Alternatives Analysis, which will be presented to the City Council in November, with a recommendation on which of four alternatives to pursue. For details, see the website, www.honolulutransit.org.

The September updates will be held as follows:

- September 18 – Noon to 1:30 p.m., University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Center Ballroom.
- September 18 – 7 to 8:30 p.m., August Ahrens Elementary School cafeteria, 94-1179 Waipahu St., Waipahu.
- September 19 – 7 to 8:30 p.m., Holumua Elementary School cafeteria, 91-1561 Keanunui St., Ewa.
- September 20 – 7 to 8:30 p.m., Alvah Scott Elementary School, 98-1230 Moanalua Road, Aiea.

More updates will be held in October.



FIGHTING TEEN DRINKING: Mayor Hannemann and actress Tani Lynn Fujimoto of the Discovery Kids' hit TV series "Flight 29 Down," launch a public service campaign aimed at discouraging underage drinking on Oahu. "Be Smart, Don't Start" is the theme of the campaign, which includes increased enforcement by the Honolulu Liquor Commission.

NEW KAPOLEI ROADS OPEN

Mayor Mufi Hannemann and U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, at center, help Campbell Estate executive Donna Goth untie the ceremonial maile lei to open new extensions of Manawai Street and Kamaaaha Avenue in Kapolei. The \$6 million extensions are part of the effort by the estate and the City to improve traffic flow in the area.



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

- September 2 and 3 – 5 p.m., Sunset on the Beach at Waikiki presented by ResortQuest Hawaii. Saturday's showing: the first four episodes of this season's "Flight 29 Down." Sunday's movie is Edgy Lee's "Paniolo O Hawaii."
- September 8 – 6 p.m., Aloha Festivals Waikiki Hoolaulea on Kalakaua Avenue. The City is sponsoring Stage 1 at Lewers and Kalakaua.
- September 9 and 10 – 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Waimanalo Sunset on the Beach, at Waimanalo Beach Park. Saturday's movies: "Polynesian Power" and "Glory Road." Sunday's movie: "Are We There Yet?" Entertainment, marketplace, health expo, surf village, motorcycle show, food, games, rides. Boxing 1 to 5 p.m. both days.
- September 10 – 6:30 p.m. "Honolulu Remembers . . . Never Forget," a walk to mark the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks on America. Begins at Honolulu Police Department Alapai Station. Proceeds to Honolulu Fire Department headquarters at Queen and South streets, to the Prince Kuhio Federal Building, then to Honolulu Hale.
- September 23 – Primary election.

NEW CITY ORDINANCES

Mayor Mufi Hannemann signed into law:

- **Bill 84, CD2, FD2**, which limits the number of parades and other street-closing events in Waikiki to 39 per year. The bill deals primarily with events within the Waikiki special district, the area bounded by Kapahulu Avenue and the Ala Wai Canal. The ordinance recognizes 14 "legacy" events that have been held in Waikiki for 15 or more consecutive years. It also limits the number of permits that the director of transportation services can issue for other Waikiki parades or street-closing events to 15. The ordinance allows the mayor to grant waivers for as many as 10 events a year.
- **Bill 87 (2004) CD2**, which establishes new recycling, reuse, composting and waste diversion goals for the City's solid waste program, to save landfill space.
- **Bill 38**, which requires the City to increase the amount of solid waste it converts to energy by the year 2010.
- **Bill 52, CD2**, which establishes a limit on rental fees for the Waikiki Shell or Blaisdell Center by nonprofit groups that take a collection or donation. The rental fee for such groups will be no more than three times the minimum deposit for each performance day.
- **Bill 54, CD1**, which removes a requirement for certified copies of state income tax returns from applicants for the City's real property tax credit. The credit is for titleholders whose combined income is less than \$50,000. Qualifying titleholders' property taxes are capped at 4 percent of their total combined income. The tax credit ordinance initially required applicants to submit a certified copy of their state income tax return. The state Department of Taxation refused to provide certified copies for that purpose.
- **Bill 57**, which amends the current fiscal year budget by adding an appropriation for \$5 million to be used to guarantee payment for contracting services to the state Department of Taxation's collection of the half-percent excise tax surcharge for mass transit that takes effect on January 1.

MAYOR ON AIR

Radio: Mayor Hannemann will be on the radio on:

- September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 7 to 8 a.m., "Aloha Friday with Mayor Mufi Hannemann," KUMU 1500 AM.
- September 5 – 8:30 to 9 a.m., KZOO 1250 AM. Call 593-8670.
- September 6, 13, 20, 27 – 7:20 a.m., "Mayor's Minute with Billy V," KINE 105.1 FM.
- September 13 – 5 to 6 p.m., Mike Buck Show, KHVH 830 AM. Call 521-8383.
- September 20 – 7 to 7:30 a.m., Frank B. Shaner Show, KUMU 94.7FM. Call 947-5868.

Cable television: Mayor Hannemann appears on Olelo, Oceanic Cablevision Channel 54 on:

- [Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Report](#), September 7, 14, 21, 28 – 7 to 7:30 p.m.
- [City News from the Hannemann Administration](#), September 7, 14, 21, 28 – 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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